School Community Council Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2024 3:00 PM PJHS Library

Parties Present: Kevin Mecham, Tammy Halcrow, Katie Miller, Travis Young, Laura Wright, Zulma Pitman, Allison Booth, Stephanie Riggs, Tim Mendenhall, and Jen Gasser

Parties Absent: No Parties Absent

Matters Discussed:

- Pledge of Allegiance by Travis Young
- Review of School Improvement Plan Goals and Steps
 - Kevin Mecham reviewed the School Improvement Plan for the '24-'25 school year. There were two suggestions made: Change ELL to ML and add a 1% reduction in F Grades in Step 1. The plan will reflect these changes.
 - A motion was made to keep the plan as written by Allison Booth and Laura Wright seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously (knowing we may need to continue to fish out some of the necessary language).
- School Safety
 - 8th Grade assembly with NetSmartz Report
 - We would like to look at doing something different next year for the assembly. Students were not very engaged. We had 13 subs the day of the assembly so it was hard to have students be completely engaged.
 - Discussion of Cell Phone in Schools
 - A question was asked about having cell phones in schools and doing what the governor has asked by completely removing cell phones and not allowing students to have them in school at all. The feedback from the council is that it is great. They would like to see something like that happen in our school. Another question was asked if we thought the district would take a harder stance on cell phones in schools and Kevin Mecham didn't think they would.
 - Safe Walking Routes
 - Kevin and Jen will send out a portion of the route to each member of the council to drive and check if it is safe for students. Members were asked to drive their section of the route and check for stop signs, sidewalks, and any hazards students may encounter. Members agreed. A question was posed about how many of our students walk to school? Answer was a lot. All of Payson doesn't ride a bus. We estimate that 40% of students are on a bus. The question was asked if the back of PHS is a route? The answer was yes and the council thought maybe this was not a great option with all of the construction happening.

- We explained to the council that the Chief of Police will check off our routes in the summer.
- Lagoon on May 16, 2024
 - Will cost \$95 to ride the bus.
 - The council thought this was very expensive and asked if there was another option. We discussed about the only other option is Boondocks and it would depend on how many students they could hold at one time. It was asked if this was a good activity for students. We responded that yes, it is because we are able to hold students accountable for their behavior. We have certain expectations that must be met in order for them to go. They must have less than 2 detention hours, no suspensions, and no failing grades at the time of payment. Tickets are a first come, first served basis. The cost is broken down by \$40 for the buses and \$50 for the ticket into the park. We do not have enough school buses to drive so we must charter a bus. It still costs the school a chunk of money to go to Lagoon. How long are students at the park? We will be there all day. We will arrive around 9:00 AM and leave around 3:30 PM. It takes a little while to round students up so we end up being there the entire time the park is open. What percentage of students get to go? We estimate about half of our student body goes (around 500). We discussed that students can purchase a ticket and have someone else drive them to the park. We are not responsible for students if they choose to do that and we don't advertise it. We discussed a field day in lieu of Lagoon. This proposal takes a lot of work to get it set up and carried out. Lagoon is easy. We want students to tell us if they are going with a parent or friend's parent. Lagoon isn't as easy to sneak off as it is at school. The price this year will be telling if Lagoon is a viable option for the future.
- A question about Freshman Registration came up. We answered that that presentation happened today and students will know how to register. There is a form online they must fill out and be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Superintendent's School Community Council is March 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM at Spanish Fork High School. Zulma Pitman and Jen Gasser will attend.

Votes Taken:

Motion to Accept the '23-'24 School Improvement Plan: Allison Riggs

Second to the Motion: Laura Wright

Unanimous Passing
Motion to Adjourn: Laura Wright

Second to the Motion: Zulma Pitman

Unanimous Passing

Next Meeting will be April 9, 2024